



December 3, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro, Chair
The Honorable Kay Granger, Ranking Member
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Patrick J. Leahy, Chair
The Honorable Richard C. Shelby, Vice Chair
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

RE: FY22 Appropriations and program funding for asthma, allergies and related conditions

Dear Leadership of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees,

Allergy & Asthma Network, a national nonprofit dedicated to protecting and improving the health of people with allergies, asthma and related conditions, recognizes the efforts of Congress to avoid a government shutdown. Further, we know you and members of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees have worked diligently throughout 2021 to try to complete fiscal year (FY) 2022 Appropriations.

Continued federal investment in FY22 for asthma and allergy-related programs is critical to improve the healthcare quality and safety for the more than 50 million Americans with allergies and more than 24 million with asthma (including 6 million children under 18). The programs outlined below at the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Housing and Urban Development, Defense and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency that support disease awareness, management and safety, and research are essential in the development of best practices in care, monitoring healthcare quality, providing information to the healthcare workforce and convening stakeholders.

Appropriations Bills	Agency Programs
Labor HHS and Education	<p>HHS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CDC<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ National Asthma Control Program○ Climate & Health Program• NIH<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute – incl. National Asthma Education and Prevention Program○ National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases – incl. Consortium of Food Allergy Research (CoFAR)• HRSA<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Bureau of Health Workforce• CMS<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Medicare and Medicaid programs



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Transportation and HUD	HUD's Office of Lead Hazard and Healthy Homes – Healthy Homes Initiative
Interior and Environment	EPA's Environmental Programs and Management (EPM) – incl. asthma research, education and outreach initiatives, and air & water quality management programs
Defense	Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inclusion of food allergies for research and funding

We urge Congress and the Administration to complete FY22 Appropriations before the February 18, 2022 deadline established under the current Continuing Resolution to support Americans living with allergies, asthma and related chronic conditions.

Please contact me or our Director of Advocacy Charmayne Anderson at 800-878-4403 if you have any questions and to learn more about Allergy & Asthma Network, visit www.AllergyAsthmaNetwork.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tonya A. Winders". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tonya A. Winders
President and CEO